

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide having SEQ ID NO: 47 ~~or a functional variant thereof having at least 95% identity to SEQ ID NO: 47~~, wherein said nucleic acid molecule ~~polynucleotide and functional variant thereof confer~~ confers vascular-preferred polynucleotide transcription.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule ~~polynucleotide~~ having a sequence selected from

(a) a sequences complementary to any of the sequences in SEQ ID NO: 47 claim 2;
and

(b) a sequences that are is a reverse complements to any of the sequences in SEQ ID NO: 47 claim 2;

wherein said sequence is at least 30 nucleotides in length and confers vascular-preferred polynucleotide transcription.

5. (Previously Presented) The isolated nucleic molecule of claim 2, wherein said polynucleotide confers xylem-preferred gene expression in a plant cell.

6. (Previously Presented) The isolated nucleic molecule of claim 2, wherein said polynucleotide is capable of upregulating or downregulating the expression of an operably-linked gene in a plant cell.

7-20. (Canceled)